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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroyuki FUJITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 10/088,685

Examiner: Rob Colbert

Filed: March 21, 2002

For: METHOD FOR FINE PATTERN FORMATION

CONFIRMATION OF FURTHER ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is to confirm the recent telephone discussions between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding a three-way restriction requirement involving apparatus claims 1 to 8 and 16 to 35, method claims 9 to 15 and method claims 36 to 39 and applicants' election, with traverse, of method claims 9 to 15. The election is made with traverse because there is no indication in the record that the subject matter of all claims cannot readily be examined at the same time.

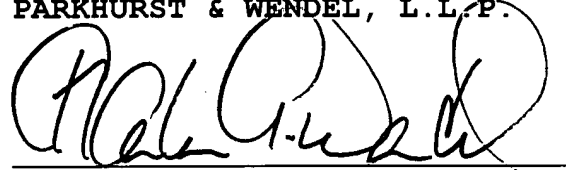
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An early examination of at least claims 9 to 15 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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